

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF)
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY) RESOLUTION NO. C -15-20
PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY)**

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and local health departments and the Washington State Department of Health have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test others in Washington State potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020 the Governor of the State of Washington declared that a state of emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, emergency response will be required to respond to this event within Island County; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Island County Commissioners, that on March 2, 2020 a state of emergency is declared within Island County and that:

- (1) It is therefore declared that Island County’s Public Health Department and Department of Emergency Management will work with other agencies to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected individuals in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak.

- (2) Island County activates its local emergency management plans and grants emergency use of local resources and authorizes use of emergency expenditures, including waiver of hearing requirements under RCW 38.52.070(2) and RCW 36.40.180 and purchasing/contracting requirements pursuant to RCW 36.32.270

ADOPTED this _____ day of March, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY WASHINGTON

JANET ST. CLAIR, Chair

HELEN PRICE JOHNSON, Member

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ATTEST: _____
Virginia Shaddy
Deputy Clerk of the Board